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REMARKS

By this paper, the Applicant has amended Claims 2-11 and 20. Thus, Claims 1-11, 19, and 20 are now pending.

In the Office action, the Examiner has determined that this "application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters." *O.A. at p. 2*. The Examiner objected to Claims 2-11 and 20, and proposed amendment to the preamble of those claims. In response to the Examiner's objection, the Applicant has made the required amendment to Claims 2-11 and 20 in accordance with the Examiner's proposition. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the objection be withdrawn and that all pending claims be allowed.

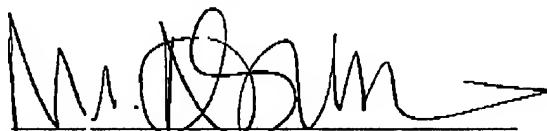
In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and, particularly, that all claims be allowed. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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